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Painting for puppies

Two-and-a-half-year-old Natalie Griffin Doughle paints a bus attraction during Snowflake Meadows magical festival fundraiser May 17. See more on page 9. *Photo by Steven Sherwood.*

Big push to complete County cell towers

By Lisa Gervais

The Eastern Ontario Regional Network (EORN) - which is working with partners to improve cell phone service in Haliburton County - says it has "a very aggressive plan" to finish the project - that will see 29 new towers, 21 upgrades, and four co-locations - by mid-2026.

CEO Jason St-Pierre updated County councillors on the $300 million project, funded by Rogers, the Ontario and federal governments, and the Eastern Ontario wardens and mayors' caucuses, including the County of Haliburton, last week.

St-Pierre said six of 29 new cell towers are now in service in Haliburton County, all 21 upgrades complete, and three of four co-locations done. He said, overall, 56 per cent of Haliburton County sites are completed.

"We are seeing progress; not the progress I would like to come to the County council with to share at this point, but we are seeing

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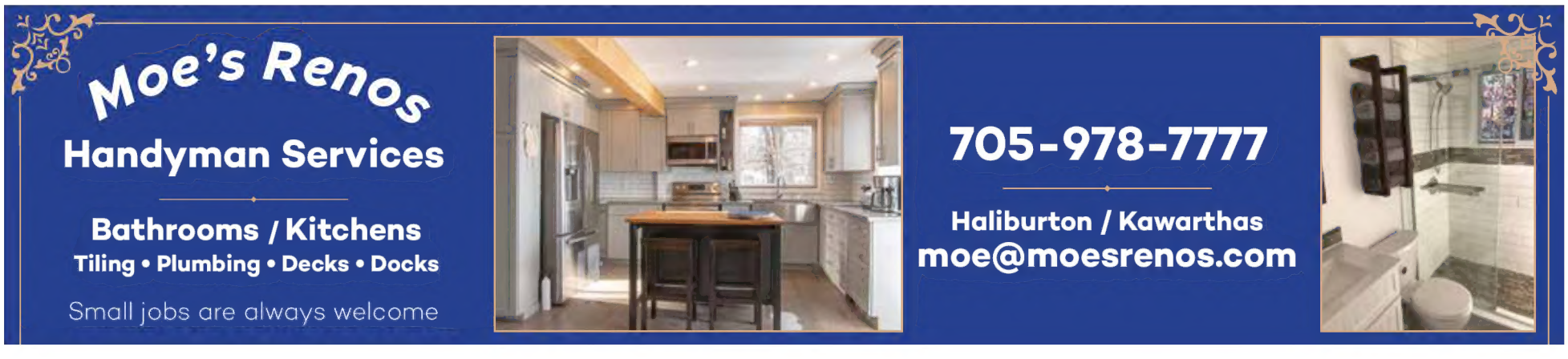

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Challenge finding suitable locations

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some positive progress throughout the project," St-Pierre said.

EORN and its partners have just completed year four, and are entering year five of the project.

St-Pierre said they had "a very aggressive plan" for year five. They have one co-location in Algonquin Highlands in 2025, followed by three new sites in AH in 2026; six in Highlands East in 2026; six in Minden Hills in 2026, two in Dysart et al in 2025 and six in 2016.

"The challenge is that most of the new sites now, we have slated into 2026. The reason for this is we've had a challenge trying to find suitable locations to be able to host towers which meet the network requirements and also met our TPA (third-party administrator) agreements and our number of other agreements around private property availability and items like that," St-Pierre said.

However, he said that overall, on the land use agreements (LUA), they are making "fairly good progress. We only have five sites left to secure in Haliburton County; two of those are going through the LUA process, waiting for sign off, and three that are still a little bit further …" However, he said they are targeting to get them finished by the end of June.

"It's a bit of an ambitious target but we are pushing hard to try to get those finished so that we are in a position to have these towers up and running by the end of July 2026."

As for how the new and improved towers are working, St-Pierre said, "we are making really good progress in our objectives of hitting that 85 per cent target for high-definition coverage. We should be able to exceed those targets in this project."

Closing out the project is not without challenges, he noted.

"The areas we are into are really the tough ones. We're seeing a little bit more opposition, a little bit more clarity is required, and there's a lot of time now being spent on educating and discussing where the footprints are, why they're going to be there, and ensuring that people are really understanding why this project is going forward."

Coun. Cec Ryall said even after the EORN cell gap project is complete, he anticipates some areas still won't get the level of coverage they want, and asked if other, local providers, might be able to fill the gaps. St-Pierre said yes.

County council received the EORN delegation as information only.

EORN at Minden Hills

EORN communications director, Lisa Severson, and director of technology for the project, Paula Preston, were at Minden Hills council May 13.

They noted they still do not have concurrence for three sites in Minden Hills; Brady Lake, Gelert and Bobcaygeon Road.

They said their original site at Brady Lake was dropped due to pressure from neighbours in July 2024. However, a new site has been identified and the pre-consultation process started.

They said the original Gelert site was dropped due to multiple challenges, although pre-consultation has now started.

On Bobcaygeon Road, they said the consultation was completed with "many objections but appears no relevant concerns. Ready to go to council for concurrence approval."

Severson said, "our construction needs to be completed through the program by August 2026, just a little over a year left to get the remaining sites built. If sites are not approved at these locations, EORN will run out of time and they will not be built, resulting in coverage and capacity gaps."

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>
> ***Jason St-Pierre, EORN***

Coun. Shirley Johannessen said last week, "many of my residents are concerned about the views being increasingly dominated by cell towers." She added her constituents think the public consultation process has been approached as 'a formality only' by Rogers, with concerns not being taken seriously. She also questioned site selection, suggesting there could be more co-locations.

Severson said TSPs work with municipal planning staff on site location. She added they are doing some co-locations, but towers might not have the space or ability to hold the weight. "We really did encourage as much of that in the project. We want to mitigate visual impact of the infrastructure we're putting in."

Coun. Ivan Ingram said residents, particularly near the proposed Bobcaygeon Road tower, had expressed health concerns. He asked about studies and information on effects. Severson said they are bound to abide by Safety Code 6 that the federal government has set. "They do testing etc.; they have advised that cell towers are safe."

Mayor Bob Carter said, "I think this project is a really important project because this area and a lot of Eastern Ontario have been ignored for far too long. Rural communities can't compete because of the lack of communication."

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‘Councils need diversity’

By Lisa Gervais

The Association of Municipalities of Ontario’s (AMO) ‘healthy democracy project’ was launched in 2022; after several trends raised concerns about the strength of local democracy.

These trends were evident in Haliburton County, with fewer candidates running for election or re-election, and a corresponding increase in acclamations. Voter turnout was also lower.

AMO’s Petra Wolfbeiss and Henry Khamonde are coming to Minden Hills May 28 to talk about how people can create positive change in the community; discover ways to engage effectively with local municipal governance, and learn how many voices lead to meaningful change.

Wolfbeiss is the director, membership centre for AMO. The told *The Highlander*, “it’s really important the voices and experience of people across communities are heard and represented on local councils.”

Petra Wolfbeiss is the director, membership centre for AMO. *Submitted.*

She added AMO created the project to tackle two key objectives: increasing the diversity of council and candidates, and boosting voter turn out.

“We can move these forward by improving people’s understanding of municipal government and the impact is has on our daily lives,” she said.

AMO has developed a toolkit to help elected officials engage with local schools and share the importance of getting involved in community from a young age. “We know that cultivating future leaders also means listening to youth. Families can do their part simply through conversations at the dinner table with younger people,” the AMO representative said.

She added municipal government is closest to the people. “If you look out your window, almost everything you see is impacted by your local municipal council. Roads, trees, parks, housing, the water you drink, all of the planning decisions.”

She encouraged people to learn about municipal government, and understand what councils plan to do and what it means to their community.

“Municipalities are constantly inviting people to provide input and they work hard to provide this information where people will see it. We need to do our part. Connect with your local government, whether it’s signing up for newsletters, following on social media, or meeting with your councillor. If there is a topic you care about, join community groups that share your interest.”

With municipal elections slated for October 2026, Wolfbeiss encourages people to find out about their local candidates. “If they come to your door, have a conversation about what you care about.” She added municipal websites often have information about the local election.

“From then on, it’s mostly about paying attention. Does council need your support to get an important housing project completed? Do they need your help in putting on a great local event?

“It’s also really important to provide input that is constructive and respectful. It’s ok to disagree - because different opinions can result in stronger decision-making. But we have to put civility back into civil discourse. Remind yourself that at the end of the day, everyone just wants the best outcome for the community.

“So those are some of the key things: build your understanding, get involved, and respect difference.”

Wolfbeiss stressed that diverse opinions and diverse councils make for competent councils. “People with different life experiences bring unique insights to the conversation. It helps councils to understand the impact of their decisions on different people across the community. They can make better, more informed decisions. Everyone in a community matters. And this needs to be understood and reflected in discussions and decisions at council.”

Register by May 23

The event is hosted by the Township of Minden Hills, and supported by Aging Together as Community, the Haliburton Highlands Healthy Democracy Project/Haliburton County Community Cooperative and Telling Our Stories Speakers Series.

Minden Hills Coun. Pam Sayne said the event is “to encourage people to run, to vote; and to get engaged with our community. I think this is going to be a very important activity.”

Bonnie Roe of ATAC said, “at our strategic planning meeting, we discussed our need to engage with the municipalities and County on healthy aging as a whole, about what we do, garner their support, and focus on community action. I also asked Coun. Sayne to speak at our LGBTQ+ luncheon on diversity, equity and inclusion, or did she have any connections at OMA? We decided the topic was worthy of a larger meeting and they had this ‘health democracy project’.

Engaging in democracy is May 28, 6-8 p.m. at the Minden Community Centre, 55 Parkside Dr., Minden. Light refreshments will be provided. Register by May 23 at Eventbrite or agingtogetherhc@gmail.com

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HIGHLANDS EAST NEWS

Wayfinding signage

Consultant pl.ural is recommending 37 wayfinding signs for Highlands East, including 21 in Wilberforce, three in Cardiff, five in Tory Hill, five in Gooderham, and three in Highland Grove.

Sean Kelly told a May 13 council meeting that Highlands East, as the capital of geocaching in Canada, requires signs "to highlight this popular activity."

They also suggested the information centre in Wilberforce needs accessible material about hours of operation, etc.; an outdoor kiosk with geocaching information for people visiting during off-hours; and additional outdoor information kiosks for other communities, such as Cardiff and Gooderham, and at popular trail heads.

Coun. Cec Ryall said he would like to see rock hounding addressed, and Coun. Angela Lewis said the Schoolhouse Museum was missing from Highland Grove. Ryall also suggested information kiosks promoting local businesses be retained.

County of Haliburton director of economic development, Scott Ovell, said he still has to go back to the County with a report in July and get final approval for the wayfinding signage program. If endorsed, he said the signs could take three to five years. The money would come from the County portion of the municipal accommodation tax.

Short-term rental update

Junior planner Kim Roberts said Highlands East had identified 126 short-term rental units. She said the township has the property and ownership details for the properties.

Roberts said they have sent first warning letters to 85 of the property owners (67.5 per cent); and received and reviewed applications from 47 (37.3 per cent).

"There is some overlap between these as some operators have received warning letters and subsequently applied, and a handful of operators have been turned down and continue to operate," she said.

She added applicants who received conditional approvals from October to present have been followed up with to ensure the steps required to maintain their licences (planning and building applications, inspections and relocation of non-compliant shoreline structures) have been satisfied.

Roberts said building and bylaw staff, and the fire chief, have been scheduling and completing site visits to finalize conditional approvals and inspect properties where potential issues around occupancy have been raised.

In total, she said they'd received 47 applications, with 23 approved, 13 rejected and 15 pending.

Economic development happenings

Spring maintenance has been completed on the over 200 geocaches in Highlands East. While most are in great shape, outgoing economic developer coordinator Joanne Vanier said there are a few that require rebuilding. "Geocachers are already in the area enjoying the activity," she said.

On June 14, they're planning a special geocaching event with a pirate theme. Vanier said many community members and some local businesses will be involved. This year is the 25th anniversary of geocaching and the 10th anniversary of the GeoTour.

Joanne Vanier is retiring as economic developer coordinator for Highlands East. *File.*

The municipality recently hired Michele Little to replace Vanier, who is retiring this month.

"Michele is well known in the community and has previously worked summers at the Information Centre," Vanier said.

The summer student for the upcoming season at the Information Centre has also been hired, with local resident Chelsea Flynn joining the organization.

Busy time for parks and rec

Jim Alden, property supervisor for parks, recreation and facilities, reported that staff had been busy doing spring clean up at parks and cemeteries.

"There was a large clean up required at the Wilberforce Cemetery on April 30 from the windstorm. There were multiple trees down, but fortunately no major damage to headstones," he said in a written report.

Alden added staff have been completing some preparation work at the Deer Lake Cemetery for green burials. Spring burials and cremations have also begun.

Alden said a new property entry sign was installed for the Highland Grove Community Centre and Library.

The Keith Tallman Memorial Arena has now had ice removed and pickleball is renting the facility as of May. There is regular pickleball Tuesdays and Thursdays. Students from Wilberforce public school are participating in a pickleball learning program on Wednesdays.

The lights fixtures are being replaced at the Lloyd Watson Memorial Centre and Keith Tallman Memorial Arena as part of the 'instant discount program' with the provincial government and lighting distributors. The project was identified in the 2025 budget.

"Our community centre bookings have been steady throughout April as well," he said.

Tenders awarded

Council awarded the job for roof work at public works buildings to J.G. Fitzgerald & Sons Ltd. of North Bay, for $109,185 plus taxes.

Councillors also gave the building department the go-ahead to award the tender for an SUV. The job is going to Price Ford for $41,500 plus HST for a 2025 Ford Escape ST Select. The vehicle is on order. This purchase was identified in the 2025 budget and came in under the budgeted amount of $55,000.

(Highlands East news compiled by Lisa Gervais)

Environment & Stewardship Committee Members Required

Township of Algonquin Highlands

Council invites letters of interest from members of the public who are interested in serving on the Environment and Stewardship Committee for the remaining term of Council.

The Environment and Stewardship committee provides input on the advancement of the Township's policies and initiatives that contain environmental components. The Committee will also propose new initiatives for Council's consideration in support of the Township's commitments to environmental protection.

To view the Terms of Reference for the Environment and Stewardship Committee please visit the Township's website at https://www.algonquinhighlands.ca/municipal-services/committees/

Any person who has an interest in being appointed to the Environment and Stewardship Committee is invited to submit an expression of interest no later than June 11, 2025, to the attention of:

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Postal negotiations reach critical stage

By Lisa Gervais

Canada Post, on May 21, said it had presented new global offers to the Canadian Union of Postal Workers (CUPW), "demonstrating a commitment to reach agreements and maintain continuity of postal services for Canadians."

On May 20, Canada Post received strike notices from CUPW, indicating the union intended to begin strike activity May 23 at 12:00 a.m.

"Our negotiating committee is currently on the way to receive the proposals," said the union's national president Jan Simpson in a news release on Wednesday. "Once the offers are officially presented, we will take the time to carefully review the details of the offers to ensure they align with the priorities and needs of our members. We will provide a comprehensive update once we've completed our review and analysis."

As of press time, it was not known if CUPW would proceed with strike action.

Canada Post said the new offers, for urban and rural and suburban mail carriers' bargaining units, go further on wage increases and would protect employees' benefits and entitlements. It added the offers also reflect the corporation's current realities.

"Canada Post has proposed important changes to its delivery model to increase its flexibility and help address the corporation's significant financial and operational challenges."

Since 2018, Canada Post says it has recorded more than $3 billion in losses before tax, and will post another significant loss for 2024. In early 2025, the Government of Canada announced repayable funding of up to $1.034 billion for Canada Post to prevent insolvency.

"Building on the important work of the Industrial Inquiry Commission (IIC) and the findings and recommendations in its final report, the parties must now bring urgency to negotiations. Another labour disruption would be costly and disruptive for employees, small businesses and the millions of Canadians who rely on the postal system," the corporation said.

Canada Post is still proposing critical changes to its delivery model to help it compete in parcel delivery seven days a week. The company plans to create part-time jobs for people looking for flexible work. The part-time positions would provide health and pension benefits and scheduled and guaranteed hours (15 to 40 hours of work per week). It said the creation of part-time jobs increases the company's delivery flexibility, especially on weekends, while ensuring that letter carriers are not required to work weekend shifts.

Canada Post said if CUPW starts rotating strikes, it intends to continue delivering in unaffected areas while working to reach negotiated agreements.

If there is a national labour disruption, mail and parcels will not be delivered and no new items accepted until the disruption is over. All mail and parcels in Canada Post's network will be secured and delivered as quickly as possible once operations resume. Socio-economic cheques for May will be delivered prior to the possibility of any strike activity commencing. Details about SECs for June will be shared shortly.

Visit canadapost.ca/negotiations for the latest information on negotiations and a list of affected locations in the event of labour disruptions.

The Canada Post office in Haliburton. *Photo by Lisa Gervais.*

COUNTY NEWS

County seat on Muskoka River Watershed Consortium

County of Haliburton council, at its May 14 meeting, appointed director of planning, Elizabeth Purcell, to the Muskoka River Watershed Consortium.

Purcell said a portion of the watershed travels through Algonquin Highlands and Dysart et al. The consortium is working towards integrated watershed management (IWM).

Algonquin Highlands passed a resolution supporting the initiative, and committing participation to it, on March 20. Dysart et al passed a resolution advising they will not be participating on April 22.

At the County meeting last Wednesday, Dysart et al mayor Murray Fearrey said, "this leads them into part of our planning process, if this goes the way I think it's going to go. I don't want Muskoka telling us how to do any of our planning because Muskoka developed way before us, our shorelines are 10 times more natural than theirs are. If you've been to the lakes in Muskoka, you can see that."

Fearrey described it as a "red herring… they start off, it doesn't cost anything. It won't be a year until they have a consultant hired and we're going to be on the hook for more money. We're doing a decent job on our own with shoreline improvement, with the septic re-inspection program. I think we can do it for ourselves here and I'm certainly opposed to anything that doesn't affect Dysart at all, hardly." He added he had yet to hear what the benefit was.

Deputy warden Liz Danielsen said she'd been to Muskoka Watershed Council meetings with "valuable information shared." She acknowledged Algonquin Highlands is more impacted than Dysart et al. She shared concerns about another level of control, and input into economic development and planning. However, "at the same time, I think it's really important we do have a seat at the table so we do know what they're doing and we have a voice at that table."

But CEO Gary Dyke told councillors, "this body would have no authority over planning decisions or economic development at the County." He described it as more of an "information sharing" arrangement. Dyke added there was no financial ask at this time, and if there was one, council could decide then whether or not to participate.

Coun. Cec Ryall asked if the County would have the ability to withdraw at any time, with no liability, and Purcell told him that was her understanding.

Council backed Purcell's ask. *(Lisa Gervais)*

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OPP NEWS

The numbers are in

Andrew Hodgson says he's proud of the way Haliburton Highlands OPP has responded to some "very challenging and major issues" through the early parts of the year.

Speaking at a May 7 police services board meeting, Hodgson, one of two civilian members, expressed his appreciation in the wake of three serious situations – the County's drug crisis, the late-March ice storm, and an April 13 shooting in Gelert. An SIU investigation into the latter is ongoing.

"Congratulations for how you handled things," Hodgson told outgoing interim detachment commander Mike Cavanagh.

Reporting on incidents police responded to in January and February, Cavanagh indicated it was an average couple of months numbers-wise. Violent crimes were up, with 26 this year compared to 18 in 2024.

Cavanagh said there were four sexual offences, noting in all cases those accused were known to the victims. "They were all isolated incidents, not serial in nature," he said, adding 18 were assaults/firearm-related offences, and another four offences involving violence or the threat of violence.

There was a major decrease in property crime, down 46.8 per cent to 25 from 47 last year. Cavanagh said there were nine cases of fraud, six thefts under $5,000, four mischief charges, four break and enters, and two thefts over $5,000.

"I looked into the break and enters – in one someone slipped through a window and cleared out a deceased person's freezer. Another was a store in Highlands East where a male was arrested inside the premises; one was intimate partner violence; and another was drug-related where a person broke into a home and left hand-written notes inside… though nothing was taken," Cavanagh said.

Motor vehicle collisions were down 40.4 per cent compared to last year, with 62 incidents reported in 2025 compared to 104 in 2024. There were no fatalities, with injuries reported in four collisions.

The number of speeding tickets issued increased 51.7 per cent, to 270 from 178, while there were four impaired driving, four distracted driving, and two improper seatbelt use charges issued.

Police were involved in three drug investigations, resulting in possession charges for people after officers found cocaine, methamphetamine, and GHB, which Cavanagh said is a known date-rape drug.

Detachment commander

There will soon be a new face running the place at the Haliburton Highlands OPP detachment.

Deb McClure is taking over as detachment commander June 2, from Cavanagh, who has held the position on an interim basis since early 2024. Cavanagh will be taking a new role with the OPP having previously served as detachment commander in Peterborough County.

Mike Cavanagh, interim detachment commander of the Haliburton Highlands OPP since mid-2014, is moving on, with new chief Deb McClure starting June 2. *File.*

McClure joins the Highlands force after a year-long stint as detachment commander of South Bruce OPP.

Lights, cameras, fines

The board heard from Paul Welsh, a municipal staffer in Brighton, Ontario, who shared details about his township's recent exploration into automated speed enforcement.

The technology was approved for use in school and community safety zones by the Ontario government in 2017 and introduced in 2020. Welsh said Brighton, located about 170 kilometres south of Haliburton County and boasting about 13,000 residents, will start utilizing the technology this summer.

Welsh said the township has invested between $65,000 and $70,000 purchasing two cameras and a speed tracker, opting to run its own program rather than contract a third-party to manage it. Dysart et al council heard a pitch from an Orillia-based firm in March following calls from the public to install photo radar on Wigamog Road.

The Brighton staffer said it's much more lucrative going alone, projecting 5,000 penalty notices weekly and seven-day gross revenues (costs not included) of approximately $90,000.

Welsh said ASE Ontario advocates for tickets to be issued if a driver is travelling more than 11 kilometres over the limit, though noted municipalities can set that threshold wherever they like.

Board chair Andrew Fletcher said the purpose of the presentation was to bring information to board members, given the surge in popularity of photo radar. He noted, though, that the board should remain impartial on the topic.

"ASE is a municipal responsibility, not necessarily a police board responsibility… we need to understand our role, keep ourselves at arm's length and not start directing our detachment commander that they should work with the municipalities to implement these systems," Fletcher said.

A recent study of ASE in Toronto found the percentage of drivers exceeding the speed limit decreased at 80 per cent of locations, with excessive speeding of 20 kilometres per hour or more down 87 per cent. *(Haliburton Highlands police detachment board notes compiled by Mike Baker.)*

NOTICE SPECIAL MEETING

TAKE NOTICE that there will be a Special Meeting of Council on **Thursday, May 29, 2025, at 9:00 a.m.**

The purpose of the meeting is for Council to receive additional information, in order for Council to make a decision on Zoning By-law Amendment Application:

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The meeting will be held in the Council Chambers located at 1123 North Shore Road, Algonquin Highlands.
Members of the Public may also observe the Council meeting by joining a live-stream link. The live-stream link can be found on the meeting Agenda at https://algonquinhighlands.civicweb.net/portal/

Dated this 21st day of May, 2025.

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HKNP's Dr. Thomas Piggott said it will take years to see the benefits of the health unit's new youth substance use prevention program. *File.*

Model aims to put youth drug use on ice

By Mike Baker

The Haliburton Kawartha Northumberland Peterborough health unit (HKNP) is seeking provincial money to advance an "innovative" youth substance use prevention program that it recently launched in Peterborough and plans to expand to Haliburton County.

Dr. Thomas Piggott, HKNP medical officer of health, said the initiative is centred on the Icelandic Prevention Model (IPM), which challenges people who have, work, or interact with kids daily to find different ways of engaging and educating on key issues.

Peterborough Public Health (PPH) began investigating IPM in 2019, before it merged with the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge district health unit (HKPR). Work was paused through the pandemic but picked up again in 2023. A launch event was held in Peterborough April 29.

Piggott feels the program is an "absolute need" rather than "nice-to-have," given concerning trends in youth behaviour in Peterborough in recent years. The city has the highest rate in Ontario for Cannabis-related emergency department visits and ranks sixth for self-reported underage drinking. Tobacco use among students in grades 7 to 12 is also above the provincial average.

"If we can find new ways to wrap our communities' arms around children and really support them, we can send kids on a different trajectory than what we're seeing for a lot of people now," Piggott said.

The program is being led locally by health unit staffers Lora Keitel and Martha Faulkner, with about a dozen organizations actively coordinating, including the John Howard Society, United Way, the YMCA, the OPP, and Canadian Mental Health Association.

The team is also working with Planet Youth, an Icelandic-based firm that helps with start-up.

Planet Youth advocates for a 10-step approach. The first phase is all planning, focusing on identifying partners, finding funding sources, and pre-data collection. Faulker said staff has been working on that since last fall and will soon by ready to move onto community participation and engagement.

"We know adolescence is a critical stage in healthy development. Youth are more likely to engage in risk-taking behaviors, and experiment with substances for a variety of reasons – social inclusion and belonging, poor mental health, challenges coping with life stress, and just wanting to enjoy something," Keitel said, noting most of the supports currently in place for struggling youth is reactive, rather than preventative.

"We're never going to treat our way out of the mental health and substance use crisis we're in. We need to realign our focus and work to incorporate harm reduction for us to make impactful change in our communities," she added.

The health unit has identified two secondary schools it will work with initially – Holy Cross and Kenner in Peterborough. Keitel said it's important youth learn to adopt healthy behaviours in the four areas they spend most of their time – at school, socializing with friends, at home with family, and leisure time.

Faulkner noted there's no one-size-fits-all approach, with staff to tailor its efforts to individual people and larger situations on a case-by-case basis.

She attended a Planet Youth conference in Iceland in March, where she spoke to people from communities in the U.S., Spain, Romania and South Africa who have adopted IPM.

"All of them have seen a decrease in substance use harms and an increase in overall wellbeing," Faulkner said.

Faulkner said there will be regular check-ins with parents and youth, as well as community surveys to help form the program's future direction. She told the HKNP board during a recent meeting there is an intent to expand the program to Kawartha Lakes and Haliburton and Northumberland counties.

Piggott warned it's not the kind of program to deliver immediate results.

"This work will take years to decades to see the real benefits of, because the challenges we're seeing today have been decades in the making," he said.

MY Haliburton HIGHLANDS

What's Happening in your county...

May 22 Cam Galloway
Live Entertainment - Hosted at Boshkung Social

May 23 Van Hillert
Live Entertainment - Hosted at Hook, Line & Sinker

May 23 Todd and Robyn
Live Entertainment - Hosted at Knox United Church, Dorset

May 24 Farmers Market - Minden
Shopping

May 24 Fly-in to Spring 2025
Event - Hosted at Stanhope Airport

May 24 The View from Up here - Opening reception - Arts & Culture - Hosted at Corner Gallery

May 24 Ramune Luminaire - Author Talk & Reading
Hosted at Rails End Gallery

May 24 Poetry Jam
Hosted at the Dominion Hotel

May 24 Highlands Chamber Orchestra - Spring Concert - Hosted at Pinestone Resort

May 25 Sunday Ramble - Howland Jct Trestle Experience - Hosted by the Friends of the Rail Trail

May 25 Gary Baumgartner - Live Entertainment - Hosted at the Dominion Hotel

May 27 Farmers Market - Haliburton - Shopping

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For the common good

By Lisa Gervais

The Highlander has spent a considerable amount of time over the past four years writing about cell towers.

Generally, it's gone like this: applications come before council; some nearby residents voice their opposition; elected officials debate issues they are told by the federal governing body they shouldn't factor in – such as the impact on property values, how they're ruining the views, alleged health dangers – and then the project is eventually approved.

It was a case of rinse and repeat at a May 13 Minden Hills special council meeting when the Eastern Ontario Regional Network's Lisa Severson and Paula Preston came to update that council on how its cell gap project is going.

One of the proposed towers is for Bobcaygeon Road and it's generated opposition. So, coun. Shirley Johannessen dredged up the arguments about ruining the views. And, coun. Ivan Ingram again questioned the health risk of cell towers.

Johannessen made it sound like every hill in the County now has a cell tower, or soon will have one. That's a bit of a stretch. There are actually 29 builds across our County, which is roughly the size of Prince Edward Island. Where I will agree with her: if there could be more co-locations if not for competition reasons; and Rogers' public consultation has been a formality. After all, councils cannot block cell towers. They can simply withhold concurrence.

Ingram asked for reports on the health of cell towers. If he'd read any of the reports to date on cell towers in Haliburton County, his answer was readily available. The federal government has deemed them safe. Will we live to regret that declaration in the future? Only time will tell.

However, looking at EORNs maps and drive test data from the fall of 2021 to present, I can assure you that lives have been saved with the improved cell phone coverage. People in former cell gaps have been able to call emergency services from the side of the road in the event of illness or accident where they were unable to before.

People are able to make and receive phone calls in former dead zones. People have been able to access e-mail, browse the web, and use social media for the first time in some areas and there is the capability of video conferencing – such as from roadside accidents to hospitals – and other more data-intensive applications.

For some County businesses, this is becoming a game changer. They don't have to head back to the office in between every callout to access reliable internet.

Are towers an eyesore? Yup. Could public consultation be better? Assuredly. Will we discover one day that cell towers are bad for us? Maybe. Do we require the technology to live, work and play in Haliburton County? Absolutely.

For far too long, regional and rural Ontario has had expensive and inadequate cell service. It has put our lives at risk and made doing business very difficult. Leveling the playing field may be uncomfortable for some but it's necessary for the common good of us all.

LETTERS

No right is absolute

Dear editor,

The May 15 letter of Neal Turgeon opposing a Dysart STR map throws a host of exaggerated and paranoid points against the wall, hoping some will stick. None do.

His privacy argument makes no sense. No right is absolute, but relative to others, and in any case, he waived any alleged right by openly operating a publicly licensed business (likely in an area not zoned commercial) and publicly inviting and promoting the continuous use of his property to rotating groups of strangers.

Conversely, all neighbours should know what is happening in their community whose social dynamics materially change with renters and absentee owners. As a property owner (and not a lessor), I should be entitled to know if and exactly what premises in my community are going to be frequented by ever changing groups of complete strangers, in which case I need to be vigilant and to adjust my comfort expectations more than if surrounded by owners whom I know and trust or at least can identify.

I can feel some assurance in having legal recourse if there are renters' issues (noise, fires, trespassing, fireworks, etc.), and I can more easily identify unlicensed operators. Neighbours' peace, quiet, safety and security are the other side of the STR privacy coin.

A STR map is just regulatory transparency and can hardly be considered public shaming unless one otherwise has some reason to feel guilt or operate in secrecy. Turgeon's other points strangely rehash the many arguments as to why STRs are not a good idea (neighbour conflicts, bad actors, mortgage fraud, etc.) and repeat irrelevant, unproven economic ones.

Let's be serious: owners only rent to get money. They do not do so to help the community or the local economy, and in any case, there is no reliable evidence that renters contribute more than or even the same as owners who would otherwise be occupying the rented property.

Garry Lamourie
Sharon Lake

The desecration of Haliburton's lakes

Dear editor,

For the past 15 years or so I've noticed there are more landowners who have no clue how to treat a lake.

When paddling to the far south end of the lake, I saw a bald spot - no forest, shrubs, bushes, just two long wide strips of grass. The owner was mowing the lawn, clippings going into the lake, and I asked him why he had done that.

He responded he wanted to see the lake. I explained to an obvious newcomer the lake never goes anywhere, but he would kill it if he didn't fix the shoreline so the fish and waterfowl would be able to hunt their food. Things have not improved in the interim and seem to have quadrupled exponentially.

It is an insult that this beautiful part of Ontario is populated by some newcomers who have no respect for the wildlife and lake users; and obviously don't take the time to read the local bylaws regarding when outdoor fires are permitted; or that insecticides used near the lake go directly into the water and start killing off the inhabitants therein.

Anyone who uses insecticide en masse doesn't know insects are a substantial source of protein for birds, fish, waterfowl. We are very lucky to have the Haliburton Highlands Fish Hatchery, but their efforts will be of little use if the fish eat insecticide-ridden insects and will either kill the fish or those lake-dwellers who need them for food.

Perhaps some liaison between Dysart/Haliburton County and the OPP regarding the health of the lake and substantial penalties in place is needed. Perhaps it's time for a serious study of the County's lakes' capacities, involving the Haliburton Highlands Land Trust, and Ed Poropat.

Anne-Marie Hastbacka-Borthwick
Haliburton

He'd like to be as 'smart' as letter writer

Dear editor,

I was wondering if you could tell me what university Dave Love got his degree at because I would like one.

Then, I could know more than all the scientists, doctors, nurses and teachers like he does. Wouldn't that be sweet. Or does he attend the school of Conservative thinking, where science and education are a hoax and you just make stuff up. It's easier that way.

Conservatives are all about saving money, but somehow can't do it. Good old Doug Ford has run a record deficit in both his terms and we will never know how much money he's wasted, but we got beer at the gas station; quite an accomplishment. But I'd like to be as "smart" as Dave Love.

Larry Lackner
Haliburton

Highlander events

Left: Face painting at the magical festival fundraiser. Abby Rose Laugle, 5, enjoys having her face painted by Pockets. Middle: Brantley Alcock feeds the animals at the petting zoo with help from his dad Kevin. Above: Lorcan Nimigon, 2, enjoys a horseback ride. *Photos by Steven Sherwood.*

Making magic at the meadows

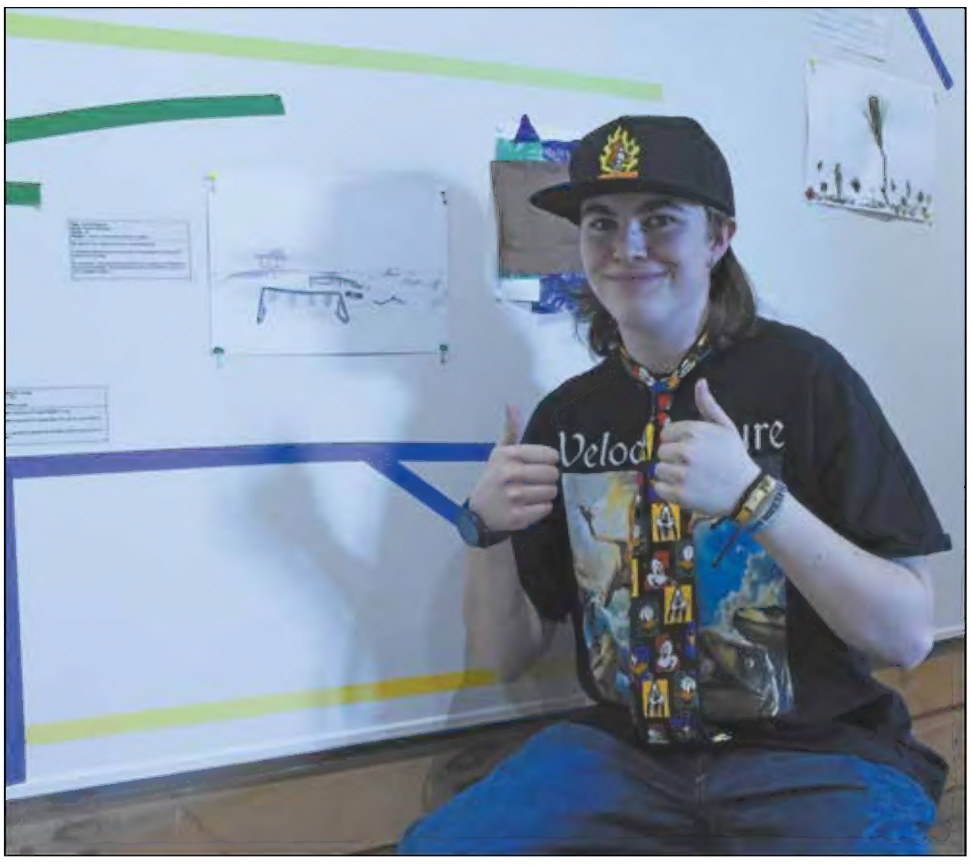
Snowflake Meadows held a magical festival fundraiser May 17. It was a fun-filled day for the whole family, all for a great cause. They were raising funds to build a new kennel, and the community event was bigger and better than ever. The kids enjoyed activities such as face painting, pony rides, a petting zoo, tie-dye shirts, bouncy castle, live music, games, silent auction, 50/50 draw, vendors, delicious food and more. The event raised $16,200. *(Steven Sherwood)*

Sharing Indian culture

On May 14, the Interact Club at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School organized an event for Hal High and J. Douglas Hodgson elementary school students to celebrate Indian culture. Pupils took part in rangoli art, Indian food and drinks, Bollywood dancing, cricket and henna body art. For the last five years, the high school has partnered with the Mahatma Gandhi Siksha Sadan school in India. HHSS students sold ducks with accessories to raise money to support that school and wrote post cards to the students there. The club is sponsored by the Rotary Clubs of Minden and Haliburton. *(Ryan Roediger)*

Above: Tianna Hall, Alexis Dacey, Leah Johnston and Chloe Morisette dance Bollywood style. Inset: Henna body art by Shital Patel. Right: Geet Patel offers chai tea. *Photos by Ryan Roediger.*

Highlander arts



Exploring Haliburton County

The 'Not to Scale' exhibition is open at the Rails End Gallery and Arts Centre in Haliburton. The show runs until June 13. It is a multidisciplinary artistic and geographic exploration of Haliburton County present and future, created by students from Haliburton Highlands Secondary School, J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary School and Stuart Baker Elementary School. *(Steven Sherwood)*

Top left: Geet Patel, in Grade 9, with 'A Wishing Fountain' created with Mazey Robinson. Their medium pencil and watercolor on paper was inspired by the Head Lake Park water fountain. Top right: Shelley Hunt admires the details of 'Towards the Future Through the Window' exhibit. Right: Artist Electra Moshenko in Grade 10 with a medium pencil, ink and pencil crayon on paper creation, inspired by a love of skateboarding. *Photos by Steven Sherwood.*

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COUNCIL MEETINGS VIRTUAL & IN-PERSON

Council and Closed Session meetings are currently being conducted in-person (Council Chambers, 7 Milne St., Minden) and with electronic participation. The scheduled upcoming meetings are:

- May 29 – Regular Council Meeting
- June 12 – Regular Council Meeting

Members of the Public are invited to observe Council proceedings by attending in-person or via the live-stream link.

NOTICE TO RESIDENTS: REINSTATEMENT OF BRUSH DISPOSAL FEES

Effective June 14, 2025, brush disposal fees will be reinstated. These fees were temporarily waived in response to the ice storm that impacted our area at the end of March. With clean up efforts now largely completed; standard brush disposal fees will resume.

FITNESS CLASSES

There is still time to join our wonderful instructor for a 4-week fitness class! Classes run from June 3 to 26, 2025. Register online at www.mindenhills.ca/recreation or in person at the SG Nesbitt Memorial Arena.

MINDEN HILLS CULTURAL CENTRE

- *Mountain Lake at a Glance – The Hidden Nature of Paint*, an exhibit by Gord Peteran, is on display in the Agnes Jamieson Gallery until July 12. The Gallery is open Tuesday to Saturday, 10 am – 4 pm. Admission is by donation.
- *We Were Taught Differently (Bakaan nake'ii ngii-izhigakinoo'amaagoomin)* an exhibit created by The MUSE (Kenora, Ontario) on display until June 28 in the Welch Room. The exhibit examines the residential school experience and its long-term effects through images, text, video, archival material, and personal recollections. Learn why the schools were established, what life in the schools was like, the recent settlement agreement, and Government and church apologies. Admission is by donation.

Join the UFO Craft Group on Friday, May 23 from 1 – 3 pm in the Welch Room. All are welcome to bring their unfinished projects to work on.

For information on all the programs and exhibits offered at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre: culturalcentre@mindenhills.ca or call 705-286-3763.

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Mark your calendars for Saturday, May 24, 2025, from 8:00AM - 12:00 PM at the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena. Please ensure you have your valid waste disposal card. For full details and a list of accepted items, please visit mindenhills.ca/hazardouswaste.

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We are currently looking for vendors to showcase their products, cause, or service for our Canada Day event. Deadline for submission is May 31st, 2025. To reserve your spot please email our Recreation Coordinator, Megan Locker, at mlocker@mindenhills.ca.

Highlander business

New businesses clamour to get into home show

By Lisa Gervais

Andy Glecoff, one of the organizers of the Haliburton Home and Cottage Show, said this year's 46th annual event May 30-June 1 will feature 41 new exhibitors.

"You'd be surprised at how many new businesses there are in the County, and they're asking to be in the show to get better represented in the community," Glecoff said.

While there is always a turn over every year, there were 31 new vendors in 2024, compared to the 41 for 2025.

The co-organizer added the show continues to be one of the largest, longest running, popular, and successful ones in central Ontario.

"We've got a real reputation going on now for this show. This is now the third year where we've had a long waiting list." Glecoff said on May 15 they'd been sold out for eight weeks.

All up, there will be 150 exhibitors in 171 booths, including the 41 newbies.

"Our show gives businesses a chance to showcase themselves to our community and for visitors to come out and see a vast array of services available in our County. There'll be a wide spectrum of home and cottage products and services as well as home décor, decks and docks, heating and cooling, landscaping, construction and renovations, automotive, alternate energy; we have two solar energy companies this year, and there's travel companies and beauty products."

Glecoff believes they have a larger assortment of vendors this time around. "We even have a fellow that's coming who can fix pavement on driveways without having to repave it. He has a procedure. I don't know what he is using for a compound. It's called Eager Beaver Services."

While they will not have a special guest this year, as they have in past years, or a speaker series, they have added face painting for the kids on Saturday between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. Some of the usual offerings are back; such as a shuttle from the Haliburton medical building to the A.J. LaRue Arena, free doggy daycare, Smokey the Bear touring the grounds, and the restaurant and bar being open.

Andy Glecoff in front of the A.J. LaRue Arena and Haliburton Curling Club. *Photo by Lisa Gervais.*

"And, of course, we have our non-profit organizations that want to be part of the show and be represented, including the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation, the Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association, the Haliburton County Master Gardeners, Environment Haliburton! Brooksong Retreat and Cancer Support Centre."

The Rotary car draw will be stationed at the home show. The vehicle this year is a 2025 GMC Terrain SUV.

Glecoff added they will have a donation box at the event this year on behalf of Turtle Guardians.

As for prizes, David Alexander Risk has donated a painting, Buttermilk Falls a weekend getaway and Glecoff's Family Store a three-piece patio set.

The Haliburton Curling Club puts on the annual show, thanks to volunteers, with proceeds going toward supporting youth curling and learn-to-curl initiatives.

Glecoff added, "the club always needs new members … some retire, some pass away, things change."

2025 show dates: Friday, May 30 3-8 p.m., Saturday, May 31, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sunday, June 1, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Admission is $3, with children 12 and under admitted for free. For more information, visit haliburtonhomeandcottageshow.com.

Twelve Mile Lake to still feel the love

By Lisa Gervais

The former Wedgewood Marina on Twelve Mile Lake has now been renamed Deluxe Waterfront Resort - with owner Ronan Ifraimov saying the plan is for a marina and boat launch, renting boat slips and boats, offering gas for boaters, reopening the convenience store with soft serve and Kawartha Dairy ice cream, and opening the 'That's a Burger Shack.'

Work has been progressing at the site since Ifraimov purchased it last year; with workers this week putting siding on the former Wedgewood store.

Ifraimov said the end goal is to still build a small, $6-$8 million resort on the property. He said they are working on architectural plans at the moment. However, that is still a couple of years away. His vision remains a two-story motel, a large cottage for families to rent on the hill, smaller, two-storey timber chalets closer to the water, and a restaurant.

For now, though, he and on-site manager Aaron Harrison wanted to update Twelve Mile Lake full-time and seasonal residents about what is going on. Ifraimov said the focus this year is on making the place look nicer, and offering some services.

Harrison said on May 5 "the boat launch is now open." They expect the gas pump to be in, certified and ready to go, for the May 24 weekend. "We are going to be renting out slips. The convenience store is going to be open in the next two weeks. It's all getting new siding."

He said the barbecue shack will likely not be reopened before the Victoria Day long weekend, which this year fell on May 17-19. They plan to rent out Sea Doos, boats, kayaks and canoes. The former units on site are being used as short-tern rentals. They are putting in more docks.

They are contemplating having a small boat engine mechanic and doing shrink wrapping, although they have no plans to store boats. They hope to work with other marinas on storage.

"We're going to try to give the community some sort of help in what they need. We're trying to figure out exactly what they want. What's needed up here," Harrison said.

They will be looking for staff, encouraging people to drop-in, in person, to inquire about opportunities. "I want to hire people that do need work, even if it's seasonal," Harrison said.

Ifraimov is a developer and builder from the Greater Toronto Area. He is originally from Israel and came to Canada at the age of nine. He runs Perfectly Built, owns a company called Art Farms in the Ontario Food Terminal, and is also at the helm of Deluxe Produce, all in the GTA.

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Highlander community

Allan Guinan, second left, announced this week that Minden Pride has rebranded as Pride in the Highlands. *File.*

Feeling Pride Countywide with rebrand

By Mike Baker

Allan Guinan says it's an exciting time for the Highlands' LGBTQ+ community as they collectively prepare to usher in a new era of Pride across Haliburton County.

The longtime president of Minden Pride told *The Highlander* during a May 12 interview that the organization is rebranding, now going by Pride in the Highlands.

"What began as a celebratory picnic in opposition to homophobia has evolved into a cultural pillar in our region. Next year is going to be our 10th anniversary of Pride in Haliburton County. It's been a decade of growth, learning, and reflection, and now we're working towards trying to set ourselves up for the next 10 years.

"Everyone we consulted felt this was a good time to make the switch and have our organization feel more inclusive, that it's representative of the entire County," Guinan said.

Sinclair Russell and Bob Baynton-Smith formed the local Pride group following the Pulse nightclub shooting in Orlando, Florida on June 12, 2016. Forty-nine people were killed in the attack, most of them members of the LGBTQ+ community.

The local Pride group help a vision-sharing event at Pinestone Resort May 10, attended by about 70 people. Guinan said while the decision had already been made, many people floated the idea of a rebrand last weekend.

Coming out of that session, Guinan said key focuses for the new Pride in the Highlands includes promoting diversity, equity, and inclusion; supporting County businesses, and engaging with youth.

Minden Pride has a long-standing relationship with Haliburton Highlands Secondary School, partnering on events like Hal High Pride Week in years past, but Guinan said there's a desire for more collaboration.

"We're hearing there's lots of room to improve, more things that can be done for the youth in the community who may not feel comfortable coming to Pride events," he noted.

A new website, prideinthehighlands.ca, will launch this summer, while Guinan said a new collection of Pride in the Highlands merchandise will debut soon.

Other changes are minimal for now, though Guinan said the group has confirmed a refresh of its Pride Week festivities, slated for Aug. 18 to 24. Events such as the Gull River parade, rainbow street festival, and drag storytime will return, while others, like the Pride-themed golf tournament co-hosted with Gals on the Green and both the comedy and trivia night events, have been brought forward.

"People really wanted to see our events spread out more – so the golf tournament is happening in June, comedy night in July, and trivia night earlier in August," Guinan said. "We are one of the largest cultural festivals in the County, but Pride doesn't have to be a single week in summer. We can keep the spirit going throughout the year."

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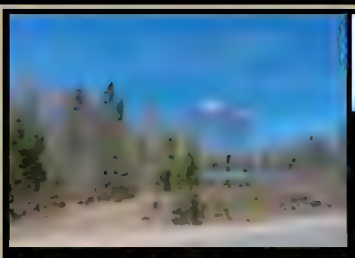

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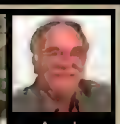

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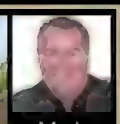

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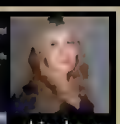

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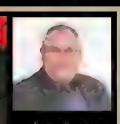

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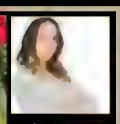

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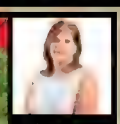

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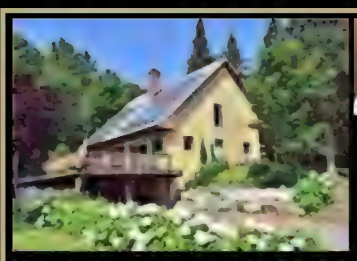

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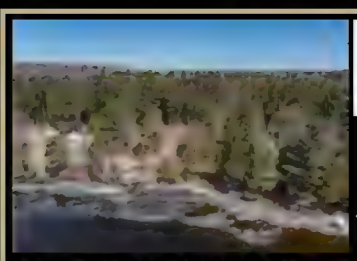

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Highlander community

Ice out, brisket in on Esson Lake

By Mike Baker

What started as a practical joke between two buddies on Esson Lake has morphed into a new tradition that Norm DeMelo and Billy McKenzie say will support worthy causes across Haliburton County.

The pair joined forces back in March for an impromptu ice out contest, inviting other lakefront residents to guess what day the last shard of ice dissolved into the water.

Initially, the competition was to be for bragging rights, until DeMelo upped the ante.

"Billy is a guy on our lake who is always posting on [social media] about smoking briskets and pulled porks – so I volunteered him, saying Billy can cook something for the winner," DeMelo said.

That piqued people's interest, with more than 40 cottagers participating. Each of them donated at least $10 per guess, raising $500, with the funds to be donated to Central Food Network in Highlands East.

DeMelo said his wife, Allison, volunteers at the Wilberforce food bank and pitched doing something to help the organization in its time of need.

CFN's executive director, Tina Jackson, recently told *The Highlander* that her operation is recording approximately 100 extra monthly visits now compared to pre-pandemic levels. Last year, CFN saw 4,128 visits to its food banks in Wilberforce and Cardiff, averaging 343 stops per month.

"Alison knows all about the demand and how demand has increased so much over the past couple of years," DeMelo said. "She did her own swim marathon last year, where she asked people to donate and she'd add some distance to her swim. She did 10 kilometres open water swimming – people donated canned goods and other food. We were able to donate two big boxes of food last summer."

McKenzie said he's not one to shy away from a challenge, so, after being put on the spot by DeMelo, gladly obliged. He already has an action plan for a 20-pound brisket he'll cook for the contest's winner, Chrissy Mackintosh, who was one of three people to guess April 22.

"It will take about 17 hours. It will be seasoned with Billy's secret rub, AKA 'Billy's Love' and it will be smoked at 225 degrees Fahrenheit over charcoal and applewood," said Sara Presson, McKenzie's partner.

DeMelo has agreed to kick in a case of beer, while Mackintosh has invited the two men and their families to enjoy the brisket with them when it's cooked this summer.

McKenzie, a cottager on the lake who lives full-time in Oshawa, said the contest has helped bring the Esson Lake community closer together. He's never met DeMelo or Mackintosh in-person but is excited about forming new connections.

Presson said she hopes this will be the first year of many for the ice out competition.

Billy McKenzie and his partner, Sara Presson, are excited about a new annual tradition born recently on Esson Lake. *Submitted.*

"We think it would be a great tradition – it doesn't take much time or energy, and it helps our community," she said.

DeMelo added, "it's just something fun to get people talking and excited about summer. It's also about bringing awareness to CFN, our food banks, and the great work they do."

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Dysart is reviewing shoreline protection policies of the Official Plan and Zoning By-law. The intent is to permit one (1) building near the shoreline of a waterbody. As part of this update, we will be seeking public feedback in the following ways:

- A survey available between May 15 and June 15, 2025 to collect local perspectives on shoreline development.
- A Public Open House scheduled for 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, July 8th, 2025 at the Municipal Office at on 135 Maple Avenue. In-person and virtual participation will be permitted.

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Highlander outdoors

1,600 reasons to celebrate

Around 1,600 lake trout were transferred into Paudash Lake May 7, as part of the North Hastings Community Fish Hatchery's (HCFH) annual restocking efforts. Mike Thomas of the Paudash Lake Conservation Association said HCFH, a non-profit, raises lake and brook trout from local strains for two years before putting into lakes in Hastings and Haliburton counties. Paudash has received more than 36,000 fish since 2017, valued at approximately $210,000. "It takes many people to do this and we are always in need of more, even for a few days per month," Thomas said. *(Mike Baker).*

Volunteers from the North Hastings Community Fish Hatchery and Paudash Lake Conservation Association stocked about 1,600 lake trout into Paudash Lake. *Photo submitted.*

Under the umbrella of ecology

Abbey Gardens – Friends of Ecological and Environmental Learning (FEEL) Sustainable Shores and Garden Event May 17-18 was organized and run by Stephanie Field, the board chair at FEEL. FEEL welcomed people to discover and explore a deeper connection to our natural world. As an expansion of the well-established native plant sale, FEEL offered the educational opportunity with experiential workshops, demonstrations and presentations. Potted native plants were available to purchase, and ecologists on-site to help people make the best choices for their landscape. Local environmental organizations attended, too, to answer questions and share insights and knowledge, all under the umbrella of ecology. *(Steven Sherwood)*

Above: Cara Steele shares her knowledge on how to make the best plant choices for your landscaping project. *Photo by Steven Sherwood.*

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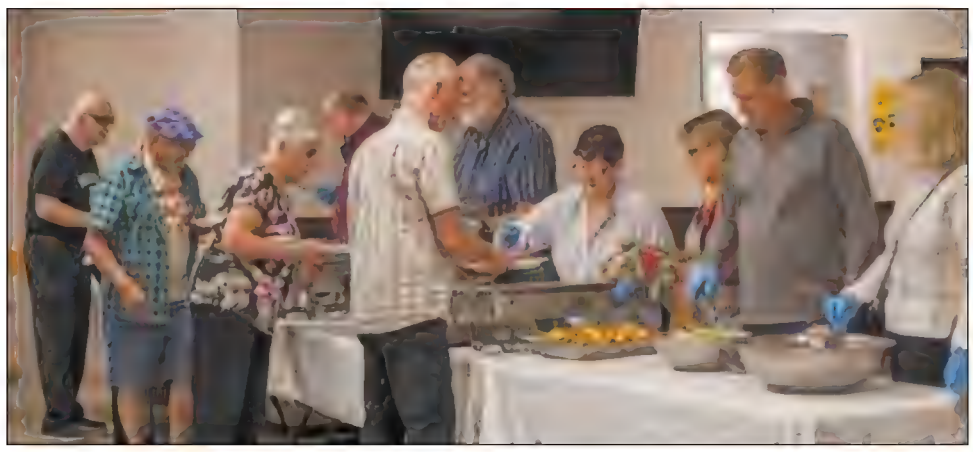

Sweeping away another winter season

On May 10, the Minden Curling Club (MCC), a fixture in Haliburton County for 76 years, capped off the winter season with its annual spring banquet for members and friends. The event featured a roast beef dinner with all the fixings, bar, raffles, door prizes, entertainment and dancing to the Recycled Teenagers. Fun was had by all. The MCC offers a full slate of daytime and evening leagues for curlers of all ages and skill levels. Don't know how to curl? The MCC has a 'learn to curl' program for newcomers. The MCC also has summer activities, such as pickleball, shuffleboard and corn hole. Book your parties, weddings and meetings. Visit the Minden Curling club website mindencurlingclub.com for more information. *(Ryan Roediger)*

Above: Roast beef dinner with all the fixings. Far right: Val and John du Manoir cutting a rug. Inset: Marlene Mestroni and Bruce Elgar with a plate of goodies from the dessert table. *Photos by Ryan Roediger.*

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Haliburton Highlands

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What's on

Artists play with 'the view from up here'

By Lisa Gervais

When Corner Gallery curator David Partridge was watching events unfold in the U.S. late last year and into this year, it sparked the theme 'the view from up here' for the gallery's show starting May 24.

As Canadians, he was intrigued by the idea of "what about the view from being up here? What do we think about that?"

He said he is keeping many of the same artists from last year but challenged them, and some new ones, to explore the theme for the show. Partridge expected familiar works, such as the Highlands's lakes, trees and rocks. However, there are some interesting interpretations on the walls of the 123 Maple Ave. gallery.

From the U.S. goings on, he expanded his thinking to, "just being outside the city, and then if we really want to press; what is something you look down on and maybe don't want to? What if we start looking inward and going 'hmm, do you have a little holier than thou maybe you shouldn't?' Let's explore some of these things as artists."

Partridge is excited about the show, providing an example of just one artist's interpretation. He said a relatively new mom, of a three-or-four-year-old, had a "really profound moment" one day when her son climbed the slide for the first time. "And she realized for the first time in her life she was looking up at him." She did a series of drawings. "This is exactly what I'm talking about. Flipping the narrative."

Corner Gallery curator David Patridge with a painting by Rod Prouse. *Photo by Lisa Gervais.*

Partridge describes returning artist Rod Prouse as "our golden boy. He taught at the college for a long time. He's been exhibiting for 60 years."

The curator tells a story of how Prouse had cataract surgery recently and it was like he had "newborn eyes" with colours popping off the canvass. He said someone called Prouse's new work "deliciously wacky."

For Partridge, hanging the new art has been cathartic after a long, hard County winter.

"I feel like having done a winter show, and experiencing the same thing everyone has this winter, this winter was way too long, and I don't want to look at winter paintings anymore. Taking them down has been thrilling. It's like the weather told me it's time, and that's part of the excitement about new work coming in."

In addition to Prouse, artists who have stayed on from previous shows include: Ian Varney, Jared Tait, James Brown, Sophie Creelman, Snubsta, Kelly Whyte, Harvey Walker, Barbara Hart, Abby Aultman, Marissa Sweet and Charles Pachter. Ceramicists who have stayed on are: Renée Woltz, René Petitjean, Annika Hoefs and Lisa Barry. New artists this show are: Holly Hutchison, Jen Mykolyshyn, Dave Rolfe and Justine Eva Smith.

Partridge said, "I feel like we now have a community of artists and we keep adding to it. Artists keep coming back now. It used to be that we would just turn shows over, here a season and then gone. Now, they want to stay and I want to keep them because I have a hard policy that I won't work with people I don't like. There are enough brilliant artists that are also good people. If someone told me to sell a painting of someone I actively disliked, there's no chance, I couldn't."

Opening reception for the show is Sat. May 24 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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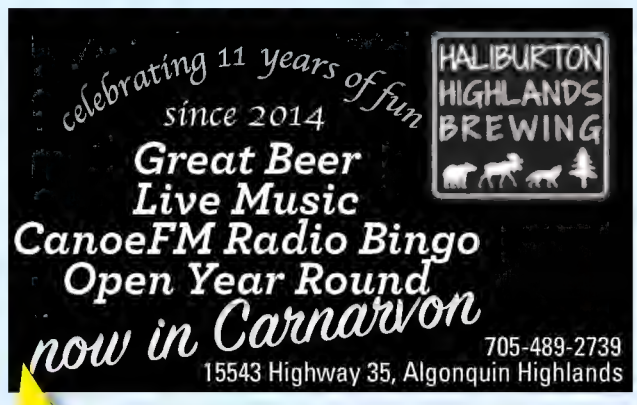

What's on

ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION EVENTS

Royal Canadian Legion - Branch 129 Haliburton

Mondays: Bridge at 1 p.m. in the Schofield Room. Youth darts league, for ages 10 to 18, at 6:30 p.m. in the clubroom. All are welcome.
Tuesdays: League darts starting at 7 p.m in the clubroom. Haliburton Army Cadets practice 6:30-9 p.m. between September and June.
Wednesdays: Bid euchre 1 p.m. start, Remembrance Hall. Bingo 5 p.m. doors open, 7 p.m. start time, Remembrance Hall. Snack bar available – French fries and hot dogs available while supplies last.
Thursdays: General meeting third Thursday of the month.
Fridays: meat draw, five draws, five prizes each draw, first draw at 4:30 p.m., last draw at 6:30 p.m., tickets $2 per draw. Paul Sisson, MC. Friday fun darts 4:30 p.m. onwards. 50/50 draw at 5 p.m, tickets are $1 and available in the clubroom.
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Darts at 7 p.m. May 26 Cost is $5 per player.
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Horseshoes May 28 at 7 p.m. Cost is $5 per player.
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The Minden Health Care Auxiliary has a sale table at its gift shop at Highland Wood long-term care home in Minden through May and June. Prices will be slashed, so come out and see what's on sale. The shop is open Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from noon to 3 p.m. and Fridays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more information, contact Cecille Gibbons at 705-905-7473 or cgibbons24@hotmail.com.

May 24, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The Haliburton County Farmers Market comes to downtown Minden, with this year's vendors offering seasonal produce, meats, cheeses, baked goods, preserves, prepared foods, hand-crafted artisan items and more. Takes place every Saturday. The Haliburton event, hosted at Head Lake Park, is May 27, running every Tuesday until Oct. 7.

May 24, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Spring Fly-in at Stanhope Municipal Airport, featuring an array of aircraft, classic cars, artists, vendors, food, live music, and a beer tent by Haliburton Highlands Brewing. There will be firefighters and equipment from Algonquin Highlands Fire Services and the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry. Plane and helicopter rides available for a fee. Visiting pilots can came on the airport property for the weekend, but must pre-register. Contact Kaylee Francis-Carroll at 705-457-0806, or kfrancis-carroll@algonquinhighlands.ca.

May 24, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Corner Gallery is hosting a season-opening reception of its new exhibit 'The View from Up Here', featuring works from artists across Haliburton County and beyond. Located at 123 Maple Ave. in Haliburton village. For more information, visit cornergallery.ca.

May 24, 1 p.m. Rails End Gallery invites the public to a special afternoon of storytelling and conversation with author Ramune Luminaire, who will read and discuss passages from her new novel *Coming of Age… Again*.

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May 24, 7:30 p.m. The Highlands Chamber Orchestra is hosting its Spring concert 'Dreams of Faraway Lands' at Pinestone Resort. The evening will feature renowned works from Elizabeth Raum, Klaud Badelt, Johannes Brahms, John Barry, Jean Sibelius, Edward Elgar, and George Gershwin. Tickets available at Redmans Records, or by calling 705-457-0456.

May 25, 10 a.m. A veggie seedling swap and giveaway is being hosted by the Haliburton County Master Gardeners at the Minden Fairgrounds Community Gardens. We invite you to come and bring any unused vegetable seedlings to swap, or simply take what you want from our assortment. Donations to the Minden Communtiy Food Centre are welcomed. A demonstration of interests to gardeners will also be held.

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Haliburton County Snowmobile Association Annual General Meeting, Saturday, May 24, 2025 at 9:30 a.m. Haliburton Legion, 719 Mountain Street. Everyone Welcome!

EVENTS

EVENT - Norwood Country Jamboree - July 17-20. Tickets available at Wilson Tire & Battery, Lindsay or 1-800-954-9998 (April 17 to July 10) Norwood Country Jamboree

EVENTS

Annual Plant Sale – Saturday, May 24th & Sunday, May 25th, 10-4 Organic veggie seedlings, perennials, maple syrup & eggs Location: Tory Hill, across from Tory Hill Park. highway 118/503, follow signs Contact Liz: hilltopharvest705@gmail.com

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS MEETINGS - Sundays - 10:30 am at St. Anthony's, 27 Victoria Street Haliburton. Wednesdays - 7:00 PM at Highland Hills United Church, 21 Newcastle St. in Minden - rear door. Thinking about alcohol. Thinking about stopping. We've been there. We can help!

NOTICES

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS Admission is free and the only requirement for membership is a desire to stop using. This meeting is for addicts only. New meeting in Haliburton that meets every Thursday from 7:30-8:30 p.m. in the Link Building. 5152 County Rd 21. For more information and an online version visit www.cloana.org or call 1-888-811-3887

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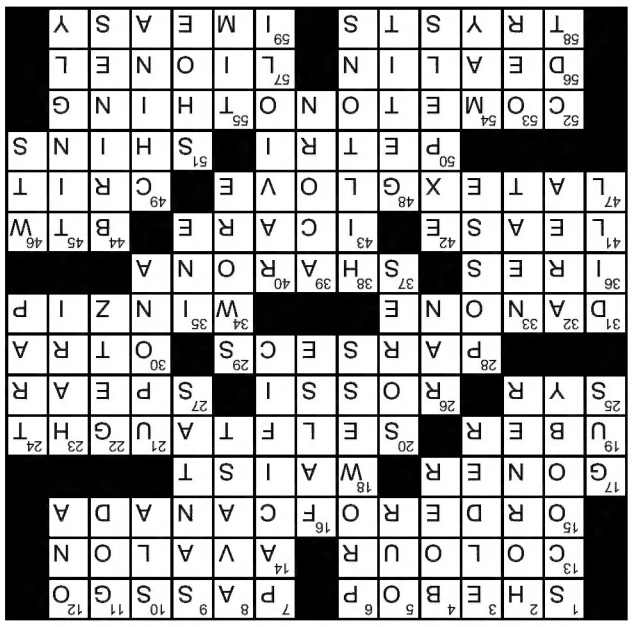

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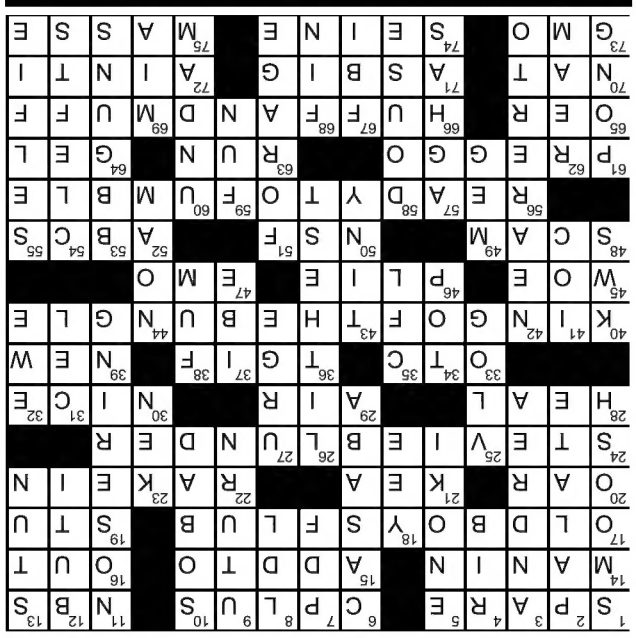

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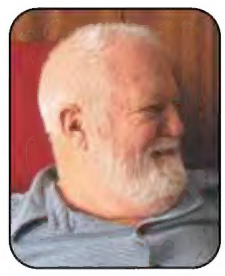

In Loving Memory

Edward "Ed" Pickard

It is with deep love and fond remembrance that the family of Edward "Ed" Pickard announces his peaceful passing surrounded by family on May 15, 2025, at the age of 91.

Born on June 14, 1933, in Toronto, Ontario, Ed was the eldest of three children born to Celia and Byron Pickard. From an early age, he demonstrated a strong sense of duty and service, which led to a distinguished 29-year career as an officer in the Royal Canadian Mounted Police. His commitment to community continued well beyond his retirement, especially through his dedicated involvement with the Royal Canadian Legion, where he once served proudly as Legion President.

A man of many talents, Ed held a pilot's license and never lost his love for flying. However, it was music that truly fueled his spirit. A skilled accordion player, Ed was known to bring joy wherever he went—often traveling to seniors' homes to perform, and always ready to spark a sing-along at family gatherings or community events. He was the life and soul of every room he entered, his accordion never far from reach.

Ed was predeceased by his beloved wife, Billy Pickard, with whom he shared many cherished years. In recent years, he found companionship and joy once again with his loving partner, Joan.

He leaves behind his children, Wendy, Pat, John, and Rick, and his five treasured grandchildren: George, Cameron, Lauren, Tim, and Mark. His family, whom he held closest to his heart, will remember him for his warmth, humour, stories, and the music that made even ordinary days feel special.

Memorial Service

Friends are invited to gather for a celebration of Ed's life at the **ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION BRANCH** 129 719 Mountain St, Haliburton, ON K0M 1S0 on Friday, May 23, 2025, at 1:00 pm. As an expression of sympathy, donations to the Haliburton Legion Branch 129 would be appreciated by the family. Funeral Arrangements have been entrusted to the **HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME**, 13523 Hwy. #118 Haliburton, Ontario K0M 1S0 (705) 457-9209.

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In Loving Memory

Wendy Joyce Wilkins

Wendy Joyce Wilkins (July 1, 1944 - May 16, 2025) of Haliburton, Ontario passed away from cancer at the Haliburton Hospital. Wendy curated a life dedicated to community service, passion for nature, and a love of creativity. Wendy took advantage of the opportunities provided by the Haliburton School Art + Design, filling her days and her home with wonderful creations. If you were looking for her, you would probably find her immersed in her garden or quietly volunteering for one of the many service clubs and cultural organizations in the community.

Wendy is the daughter of Ernest Taylor Wilkins and Dorothy (Babe) Cope Thompson. She is survived by her three children, Lorry Brandon (Ted), Warren Perry (Kerrie), and Sheldon Perry (Anne), and her grandchildren: Samantha, Benjamin, Matthew, Connor, Daniel, and Hannah.

A private service will be held for the family. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to Doctors Without Borders, an organization Wendy felt strongly about, or the Haliburton Highlands Health Services.

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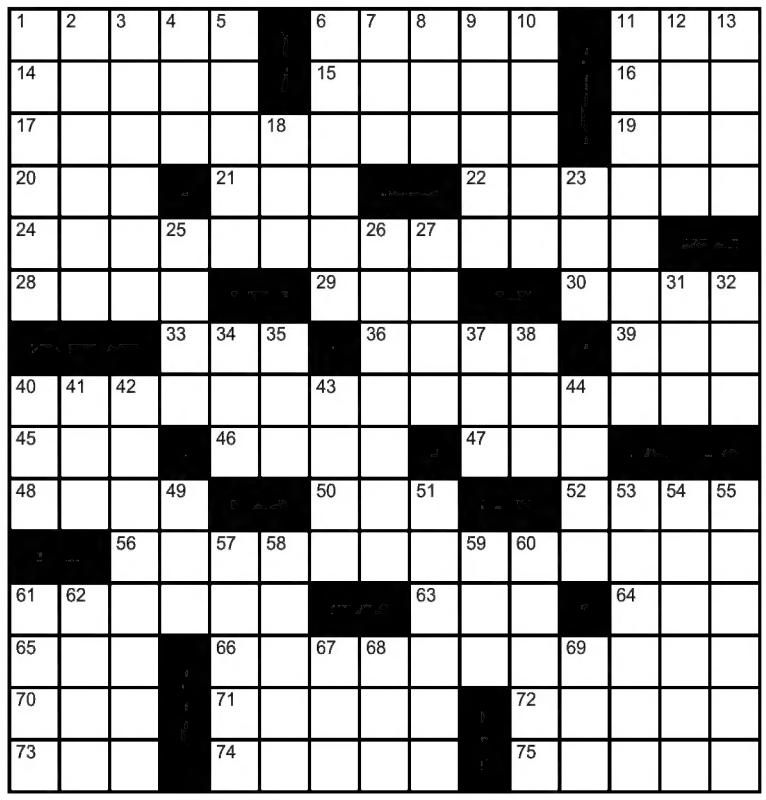
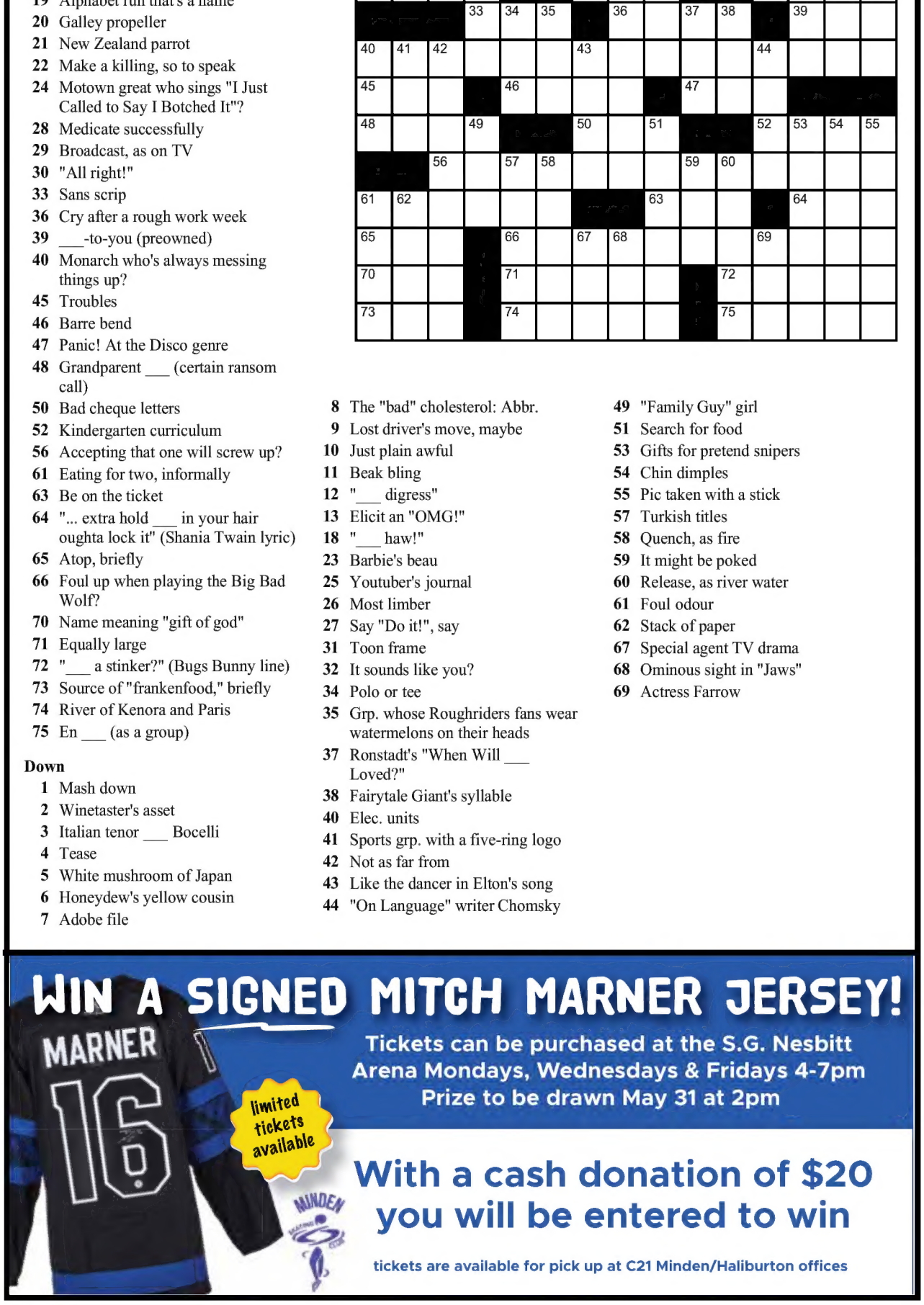


Across

1 Tire in the trunk
6 77-79.9% on a test
11 "Attention, readers" footnotes: Abbr.
14 ___ the street (regular Joe)
15 Make bigger, as a kitty
16 "There's the door!"
17 Gaffe made by men in their golden years?
19 Alphabet run that's a name
20 Galley propeller
21 New Zealand parrot
22 Make a killing, so to speak
24 Motown great who sings "I Just Called to Say I Botched It"?
28 Medicate successfully
29 Broadcast, as on TV
30 "All right!"
33 Sans scrip
36 Cry after a rough work week
39 ___-to-you (preowned)
40 Monarch who's always messing things up?
45 Troubles
46 Barre bend
47 Panic! At the Disco genre
48 Grandparent ___ (certain ransom call)
50 Bad cheque letters
52 Kindergarten curriculum
56 Accepting that one will screw up?
61 Eating for two, informally
63 Be on the ticket
64 "... extra hold ___ in your hair oughta lock it" (Shania Twain lyric)
65 Atop, briefly
66 Foul up when playing the Big Bad Wolf?
70 Name meaning "gift of god"
71 Equally large
72 "___ a stinker?" (Bugs Bunny line)
73 Source of "frankenfood," briefly
74 River of Kenora and Paris
75 En ___ (as a group)

Down

1 Mash down
2 Winetaster's asset
3 Italian tenor ___ Bocelli
4 Tease
5 White mushroom of Japan
6 Honeydew's yellow cousin
7 Adobe file
8 The "bad" cholesterol: Abbr.
9 Lost driver's move, maybe
10 Just plain awful
11 Beak bling
12 "___ digress"
13 Elicit an "OMG!"
18 "___ haw!"
23 Barbie's beau
25 Youtuber's journal
26 Most limber
27 Say "Do it!", say
31 Toon frame
32 It sounds like you?
34 Polo or tee
35 Grp. whose Roughriders fans wear watermelons on their heads
37 Ronstadt's "When Will ___ Loved?"
38 Fairytale Giant's syllable
40 Elec. units
41 Sports grp. with a five-ring logo
42 Not as far from
43 Like the dancer in Elton's song
44 "On Language" writer Chomsky
49 "Family Guy" girl
51 Search for food
53 Gifts for pretend snipers
54 Chin dimples
55 Pic taken with a stick
57 Turkish titles
58 Quench, as fire
59 It might be poked
60 Release, as river water
61 Foul odour
62 Stack of paper
67 Special agent TV drama
68 Ominous sight in "Jaws"
69 Actress Farrow



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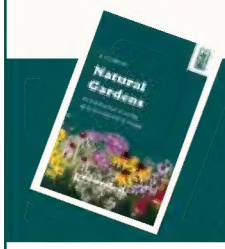

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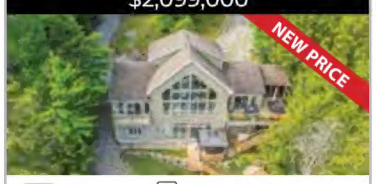
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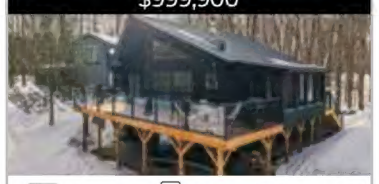
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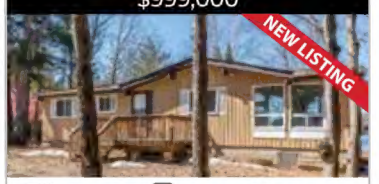
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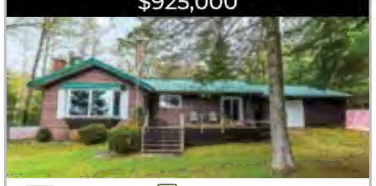
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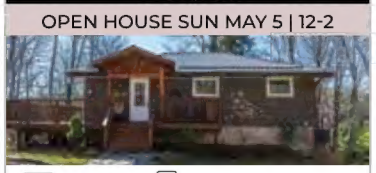
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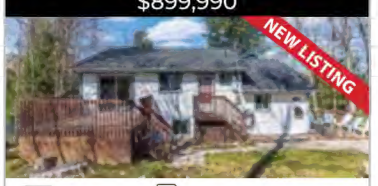
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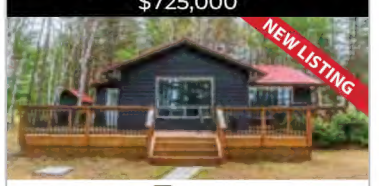
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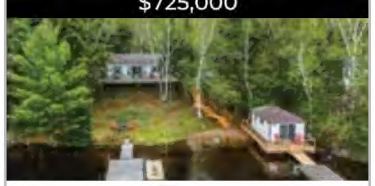
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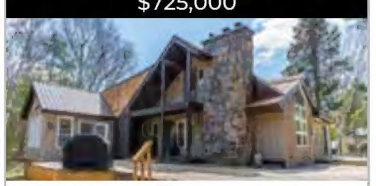
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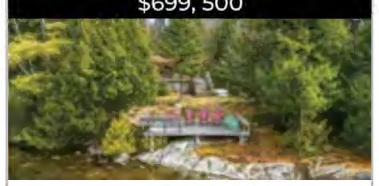
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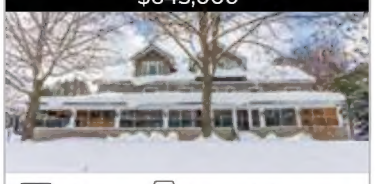
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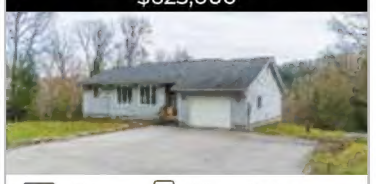
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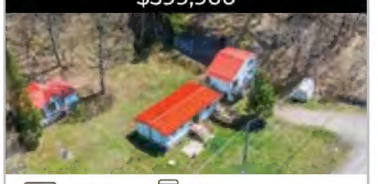
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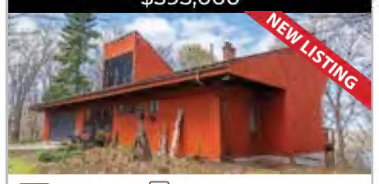
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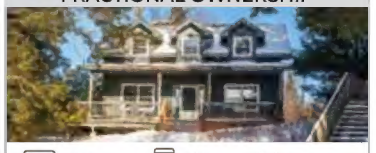
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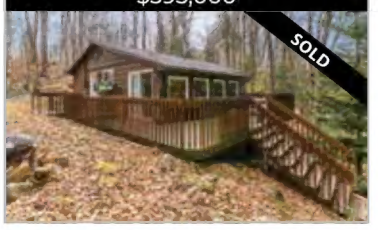

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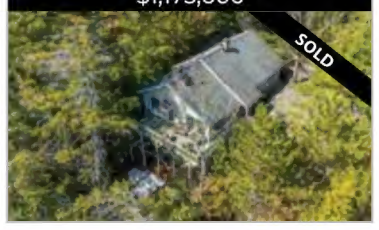

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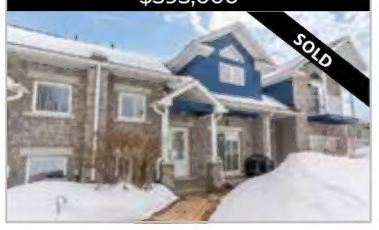

VACANT LAND FOR SALE

Haliburton Lake Road
MLS X10437518
$250,000
14.53 Acres

Bethel Road
MLS X11955874
SOLD
$178,000
25 Acres

Lakeview Street
MLS X12034950
$149,900
1.47 Acres

Grace River Road
MINER LAKE
MLS X12059917
$135,900
2.56 AcresAcres

Basshaunt Lake Road
MLS X10437016
$109,000
2.19 Acres
*Vendor Takeback Available

Wenona Lake Road
MLS X11953943
$95,000
0.42 Acres

Lot 7 Broadleaf Road
MLS X11985022
SOLD
$50,000
1.51 Acres

Lot 8 Broadleaf Road
MLS X11985025
SOLD
$50,000
1.48 Acres

Lot 10 Broadleaf Road
MLS X11985027
SOLD
$50,000
1.77 Acres

Lot 11 Broadleaf Road
MLS X11985029
SOLD
$50,000
1.40 Acres

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